

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN DONALD J. STEINBEISSER, on January 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 68, 1/6/2009; SB 104, 1/6/2009;
SB 126, 1/6/2009

Executive Action: SB 55

HEARING ON SB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:44 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 104**,
Revise stray notification and disposition
requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:06 Christian McKay, Montana Division of Livestock (MDL)
00:07:05 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:11:22 Arial Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association
(MSA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:31 John Barrows, Executive Director Montana Newspaper
Association (MNA)

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:58 Sen. Hanson
00:19:47 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:20:04 John Grainger, Montana Livestock Association (MLA)
Montana Cattlemen (MC)
00:22:18 Sen. Hanson
00:22:34 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)
00:23:38 Sen. Jackson
00:24:16 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:25:20 Sen. Jackson
00:26:10 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:26:28 Sen. Jackson
00:26:57 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:27:11 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)
00:29:04 Sen. Jackson
00:30:34 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)
00:33:12 Sen. Jackson
00:33:55 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)
00:34:16 Sen. Jackson
00:34:50 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)
00:37:46 Sen. Ripley
00:38:13 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:38:30 Sen. Ripley
00:38:57 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:40:18 Sen. Brown
00:40:44 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:40:57 Sen. Brown

00:41:08 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:41:35 Sen. Brown
00:41:51 Mr. McKay
00:42:08 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)
00:44:53 Sen. Hamlett
00:45:28 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:45:37 Sen. Hamlett
00:45:52 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:46:49 Sen Hamlett
00:47:04 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:47:37 Sen. Hamlett
00:48:06 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:48:41 Sen. Hamlett
00:48:49 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:49:08 Sen. Hamlett
00:49:20 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:49:32 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:49:49 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:50:14 Mr. Grainger, (MLA)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:19 Sen. Esp

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:18 **SEN. TERRY MURPHY (R), SD 39**, opened the hearing on **SB 126**, Implement lifetime rodeo bull transportation permit.
00:52:43 Mr. McKay, (MDL)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:57 Arial Overstreet, (MSA) (MC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:52 Sen. Ripley
00:57:27 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
00:58:01 Sen. Ripley
00:58:12 Mr. McKay
00:58:20 Sen. Hamlett
00:58:32 Mr. McKay, (MDL)

01:00:13 Sen. Hamlett
01:00:32 Mr. McKay, (MDL)
01:00:57 Sen. Hamlett
01:01:03 Mr. McKay, (MDL)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:46 Sen. Murphy

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:34 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on
SB 68, Roadkill composting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:01 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)

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01:11:33 Harold Blattie, (MACo)
01:13:25 Frank Crowley, Owner Crowley Consultants (CC)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:46 Sen. Jackson
01:19:21 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:19:35 Sen. Jackson
01:20:29 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:21:12 Sen. Brown
01:21:35 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:22:25 Sen. Brown
01:22:43 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:23:20 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:23:29 Sen. Ripley
01:23:43 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:24:17 Sen. Ripley
01:24:26 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:24:46 Sen. Ripley
01:24:52 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:25:38 Sen. Ripley
01:25:46 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)
01:26:17 Sen. Murphy
01:27:25 Rick Thompson, (DEQ)

01:28:47 Sen. Ripley
01:29:04 Sen. Wanzeinreid
01:29:28 Chairman Steinbeisser

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:37 Sen. Wanzeinreid
01:31:06 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:32:17 Break
01:39:03 Chairman Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

01:39:21 **Motion:** SEN. JACKSON moved that **SB 55 BE AMENDED**
(There was no **DO PASS MOTION**)

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Discussion:

01:40:56 Sen. Murphy
01:41:27 Sue O'Connell

01:41:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote. SEN.
HANSEN and SEN. LARSEN voted no by proxy.

01:43:39 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 55 DO**
PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. SEN.
HANSEN and SEN. LARSEN voted yes by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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